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## VILLA BEATEN, ARMY RETIRES AFTER LOSING 400 SOLDIERS

Rebel Leader's Men Apparently  
Disheartened By Lack of  
Food, and Forces Begin to  
Disintegrate.

Nine Americans Wounded By  
Shots Which Crossed Border  
While Battle Was in Prog-  
ress at Agua Prieta.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 2.—  
Defeated, the Villista army re-  
tired to the eastward from  
Agua Prieta today, leaving up-  
ward of 400 dead and wounded  
on the battlefield.  
The Villista forces seemed to  
be disintegrating. Many were  
thought to be deserting to go in  
search of food and water.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 2.—Nine  
Americans, including four soldiers  
of the Seventh Infantry, have been  
wounded here since the battle of  
Agua Prieta opened between the  
Carranzista and Villistas across the  
border.

A rain of lead has fallen in every  
street of the American town since  
1 a. m., when General Villa or-  
dered an assault from southeast of  
Agua Prieta in an effort to ex-  
terminate the Carranza garrison.

Commanders of the United  
States troops have made no at-  
tempt to execute their threat to fire  
on either side endangering Ameri-  
can lives or property.

The Villistas today became so  
bold in their assault that a score  
of their snipers even took up van-  
tage points on the American side,  
near the international line. They  
put two of General Calles' search-  
lights out of business with well-  
placed shots.

STILL RAGING.  
The battle was still raging at day-  
light. Casualties, while not obtain-  
able, are not believed to be very  
heavy.

Only the intensity of the hour when  
firing was heaviest prevented a  
greater casualty list in Douglas.  
Attacking from the south Villa's  
men could not possibly avoid firing  
across the line into the American  
town. Public schools and smelters  
were closed.

General Punston's arrival today ap-  
parently is being awaited by General  
Davis before carrying out his warn-  
ing to fire on either side endangering  
Douglas. Several detachments of  
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## EXPLOSION CAUSES POLICE BUREAU FIRE

Blaze From Gas Flash Wrecks  
the Property Room of Head-  
quarters.

The explosion of a tank used to  
generate gas for automobile search-  
lights was the cause of a blaze which  
wrecked the property room of Police  
Headquarters shortly before noon to-  
day.  
The flames had gained headway be-  
fore they were discovered, and con-  
siderable difficulty was experienced  
in extinguishing them.  
While the monetary loss involved is  
not expected to exceed \$25, the en-  
tire contents of the room, which be-  
fore the fire were classified and  
labeled, are now in almost hopeless  
confusion.  
The room is on the first floor of the  
district building. It has been used  
as a storeroom for supplies for stolen  
bicycles, and property either recov-  
ered and unlabeled, or belonging to  
prisoners.  
Smoke was seen issuing from the  
room about 11:10 this morning. The  
alarm was given, and the door broken  
open. The water from emergency  
hose seemed to have little effect, and  
it was not until chemical extinguish-  
ers were brought into play that the  
fire was put out.

## Food Prices Mounting Steadily in Germany As Shortage Grows

Home Office Sends Delegates  
to Sofia to Arrange For  
Bulgarian Grain.

MILK CARDS ARE NEEDED

Two Cents a Week Increase  
Has Been Constant For Two  
Months.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.  
BERLIN, Oct. 15 (by mail).—Berlin  
faces the need for milk cards. House-  
keepers are not as much worried by  
this, however, as by the mysterious in-  
creasing a week rise in food prices.  
For the past two months food prices have  
been climbing skyward at that weekly  
rate.  
Delegates from the German home of-  
fice have been sent to Sofia to arrange  
for the export of Bulgarian grain to  
Austria-Hungary through northeastern  
Serbia. It is believed that all food  
shortages in the Germanic countries  
will thus be speedily relieved.  
A few months ago a bread scarcity  
was what everyone feared. To guard  
against it bread cards were originated.  
When it was reported that milk was  
growing scarce, milk cards were sug-  
gested. From the fact that whipped  
cream is forbidden already in Austria-  
Hungary, from the rising price of but-  
ter, and from the milk dealers' unwill-

### Some Food Prices In Berlin

BERLIN, Oct. 15 (by mail).—  
Prices asked by Berlin deal-  
ers today for certain foods  
follow:  
Roast beef, 35c per pound.  
Roast veal, 40c per pound.  
Veal cutlets, 58c per pound.  
Pork, 49c per pound.  
Ham, 65c per pound.  
Bacon, 58 to 61c per pound.  
Butter, 58 to 61c per pound.  
Eggs, 5c each.

ingness to increase deliveries, cards  
seem probable.  
If milk cards do come, it is said that  
only families with children will be al-  
lowed good supplies.  
Prices of butter have increased 3 cents  
per pound in the past week. Even  
baking butter costs 59 to 64 cents.  
Considering the scarcity of pork fat,  
or lard, which is so abundant in the  
United States, to 15 cents American  
housekeepers can understand what it  
means to Berlin housewives to have  
to pay five times that much for one ar-  
ticle used in preparing nearly every  
meal.  
In both Germany and Austria-Hun-  
gary food prices have been increasing  
rapidly since spring.  
Germany, however, is still economi-  
cally better off than the dual monarchy.  
The people believe that as soon as a  
way is cut through Serbia and Bulgaria  
and Turkey are in direct communica-  
tion with Berlin, foodstuffs will cost  
less. For Bulgaria and Turkey both are  
said to be stocked with foods the Ger-  
manic allies need.

## TURNIP CATCH MAY SHAKE UP JUGGLER

Vegetable Dropped From Mun-  
sey Building Will Attain  
Great Velocity.

Details for staging Jean Bedini's mar-  
velous feat of jugglery in front of the  
Munsey building at 12:30 o'clock noon  
hour, Thursday, were completed today.  
Bedini will attempt to catch on the  
prongs of a fork held in his teeth a  
one-pound turnip, dropped from the  
top of the Munsey building, the free ex-  
hibition being given under the auspices  
of The Times.  
The daring juggler was on the ground  
bright and early today to size up the  
situation, and complete arrangements.  
He and a corps of assistants will con-  
struct a large platform in front of the  
main entrance to the Munsey building.  
Thursday, just before the turnip is  
dropped, Bedini will stand upon this  
platform, and will be visible to all the  
thousands of spectators expected to wit-  
ness the unprecedented exhibition of  
the juggler's art and daring.  
The turnip will be wrapped with yarn  
to prevent it splintering all over  
creation," according to Bedini.  
Since the announcement was published  
in The Times that Bedini would attempt  
to catch the turnip on the points of a  
fork, Government scientists have been  
busy figuring out what its weight would  
be when it struck the fork, and the ve-  
locity it would attain. Although the  
figures sound incredible to the layman,  
reliable scientists have figured that  
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## GEORGETOWN WANTS NO CARS ON BRIDGE

Citizens Protest Against Laying  
of Tracks on New Span, But  
Commissioners Can't Act.

Protests against the operation of cars  
of the Capital Traction Company over  
the new Pennsylvania avenue bridge  
spanning Rock Creek and about three-  
fourths of the cost of which is to be assessed against  
the street railway company, have been  
filed with the Commissioners by the  
members of the Georgetown citizens' association.  
The citizens' association appealed to  
the Commissioners to have the span re-  
served for vehicular traffic, but a re-  
view of the bill, including the appro-  
priation by Congress for the bridge, di-  
rects that the Capital Traction Com-  
pany remove its tracks from the M  
street structure, which spans the creek  
to the Pennsylvania avenue span, with-  
in ninety days after the completion of  
the latter, and that one-third of the  
cost of the new bridge be assessed  
against the street railway corporation.  
Both the Pennsylvania avenue bridge  
and the O street bridge spanning Rock  
Creek will be opened for traffic about  
December 15, according to announce-  
ment made today by the office of the  
engineer of bridges.

Atrocities Are Denied.  
Rumors of atrocities by Turks in the  
Latakia district were dispelled today by  
a report from Ambassador Morgenthau at  
Constantinople, that conditions are quiet  
at Jerusalem. Morgenthau said he is in  
communication with the American consul  
there.

## 14 KILLED, 24 HURT, TODAY'S FIRE TOLL

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of  
Property Destroyed Along  
Atlantic Coast.

Fourteen lives were lost, at least  
twenty-four persons injured, many had  
almost miraculous escapes from death  
and thousands of dollars' worth of  
property was destroyed today as the  
result of a fire in various cities along  
the Atlantic coast.  
The most serious fire was in Brook-  
lyn, where thirteen persons died when  
two tenements were burned down.  
Twenty-four men were badly hurt, one  
dying later in a fire at the Carney Point  
mills of the du Pont Powder Company.  
Twenty men barely escaped with their  
lives when flames destroyed the Coch-  
rane Manufacturing Company's dyeing  
and print works in Malden, Mass.

Twenty-Four Injured.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 2.—Twenty-  
four power workers at the Carney  
Point mills of the du Pont Powder Com-  
pany were seriously injured in a fire in  
one of the mills this morning. Fourteen  
of the victims have been taken to hospi-  
tals, one dying there later. The fire is  
thought to have been caused by static  
electricity.  
Ambulances, patrols and many private  
automobiles are being pressed into ser-  
vice to carry men to the hospitals from  
the fiery wharves. It is reported that  
more men will be brought here for  
treatment.  
The injured man in Eugene Foster, of  
Pleasantville, N. J.  
The injured man, Frederick Lutz, of Baltimore, badly  
burned all over the body and probably  
will die.  
W. P. Michael, of Columbus Grove,  
Ohio, burned about neck and feet.  
Joseph McGovern, of Philadelphia, gen-  
eral burns about body.  
Thomas P. Smith, of Penn's Grove,  
N. J., slight general burns.  
Solomon Frank, of Wilmington, Del.,  
burned about face, hands and right leg.  
Frank Whitley, twenty-three, Wil-  
mington, badly burned about face,  
hands and legs.  
Andrew McGowan, of Wilmington, seri-  
ously burned about face and arms.  
Patrick McGovern, of Philadelphia, gen-  
eral burns.  
Joseph Harrigan, of Penn's Grove,  
seriously burned about chest, arms,  
back and face.  
Edgar Hoxan, of Baltimore, slightly  
burned.  
James Milkewey, of Richmond, gen-  
eral burns about body.  
Edward Coniff, 1925 Mediterranean  
street, Philadelphia, burned about face  
and body.  
Benjamin Townsend, of Wilmington, gen-  
eral burns about body.

Thirteen Die In Blaze.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Thirteen per-  
sons lost their lives in a fire which  
early today wiped out two crowded ten-  
ements in Brooklyn and drove more  
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## Must Pay for His Own Merit Medal

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Major Gen. George Barnett, command-  
ant of the Marine Corps, must pay \$5  
if he expects to get a silver medal from  
the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the  
commissioner of the Treasury ruled to-  
day. The medal was in recognition of  
General Barnett's work in preparing the  
naval exhibit at San Francisco, but he  
was notified it would cost \$5. There is  
no Government appropriation for such  
purpose.

## THREE ENVOYS ARE EXPECTED AT LUCERNE TO TALK PEACE

Prince von Buelow Will Be Ger-  
man Diplomat, Socialistic  
Newspapers of Switzerland  
Positively Assert.

Monastir, Serbia, Captured By  
Bulgarians, Is Fear Ex-  
pressed in Athens Message  
to London.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov. 2.—  
Unofficial conferences looking  
toward peace will be held shortly  
at Lucerne, according to the posi-  
tive assertions of several Socialis-  
tic Swiss newspapers today.

Prince von Buelow, former Ger-  
man chancellor, it is declared, will  
be one of the diplomats present.

The representatives of two other  
belligerent powers are reported to  
have arrived at Geneva but it is  
impossible to confirm the rumor.

Monastir Falls Before  
Bulgarian Assault,  
Fear Felt in Athens

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Fears that Mon-  
astir, Serbia, has been captured by Bul-  
garians are expressed in an Athens mes-  
sage to the Evening News today.  
The Serbian main force, communica-  
tions to the southward has been cut off.  
It is stated.

Anglo-French Troops  
Off Kavala, Report to  
Berlin Tageblatt

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Anglo-French  
troops with fresh troops for the  
Balkan campaign have arrived off  
Kavala, a Greek seaport, eight  
miles east of Saloniki and twenty-  
five miles from the Bulgarian frontier,  
according to the Berlin Tageblatt today.

Retreat of Serbians  
Into Montenegro Is  
Expected By Athens

ATHENS (via London), Nov. 2.—The  
Serbian situation is so critical today  
that retreat is looked for into Mont-  
enegro and Albania, where it is thought  
the army will concentrate with a view  
to obtaining supplies by way of the  
Adriatic sea.

VIENNA (via Berlin and London),  
Nov. 2.—In a series of bloody fights in  
the region thirty-five to forty miles  
above the Morava river mouth, the  
Austro-Germans are clearing the  
country today of scattering bands of  
Serbs, which escaped earlier annihilation  
in the Austro-German sweep south-  
ward through Serbia.  
These parties are not strong enough  
to constitute a military menace to the  
invaders, but are troublesome as guer-  
rilla fighters. The Austro-German front  
is to the south of them, and today's  
operations are in the nature of com-  
pleting the conquest of the territory al-  
ready occupied.  
South and southeast of Milanovac (a  
few miles north of Kragujevac, the  
Serbian capital), about thirty miles  
west of the Morava mouth, the Ger-  
mans yesterday, the Austro-Germans  
wrested from the Serbs, after hot fight-  
ing several heights that dominated the  
valley.  
In the angle between the Morava and  
Bosna rivers (about thirty-two miles  
south of the Morava mouth), the Ger-  
mans captured the height overlooking  
Trinovo.

GREEK TROOPS FIRE  
ON FRENCH, REPORT

Berlin Hears of Attack As Allied  
Force Retreats Before Bul-  
gar Army.

BERLIN (via Tuckerton wireless),  
Nov. 2.—Greek troops have fired on a  
French force which was retreating from  
the Bulgarians out of Serbian into  
Greek territory, according to the Ber-  
lin Tageblatt today.

Such German, or perhaps Austrian,  
submarine as may be in the Mediter-  
ranean presumably reached it from one  
of Austria's Adriatic seaports.  
The assumption is that if a Greek  
coast blockade has been ordered, it is  
on account of Greece's failure to use  
forceful measures, in addition to a mere  
verbal protest, to prevent the allies' en-  
trance into the Balkan war field across  
Greek soil.

## GERMAN DIPLOMAT NAMED IN PEACE RUMORS



PRINCE VON BUELOW.

## LANSING CONFERS WITH BERNSTORFF NEW YORKERS AGOG AS MRS. GALT SHOPS

Meeting May Be Forerunner of  
Settlement of Submarine  
Warfare Controversy.

Secretary of State Lansing and Am-  
bassador von Bernstorff, of Germany,  
held a twenty-minute conference at the  
State Department today. The meeting  
is looked on as the forerunner of ne-  
gotiations which will result in the set-  
tlement of the Arabic and Lusitania cases  
and other matters in dispute between  
this nation and Berlin, growing out of  
submarine warfare.  
Ambassador von Bernstorff called on  
Secretary Lansing by appointment at  
11:30. He remained until 11:50. On leav-  
ing the State Department, the ambas-  
sador denied that the Arabic and Lusitania  
cases were taken up and said he had  
called to pay his respects to the  
Secretary.  
The ambassador has returned to  
Washington for the season. He will  
have other conferences with Mr. Lan-  
sing in the near future, and it is ex-  
pected the Arabic and Lusitania cases  
will be speeded through diplomatic con-  
versation to an adjustment.

## AUTOMOBILE BACKS INTO GOLDFISH POND

Party of Sight-Seeers Gets Un-  
expected Bath Near Rock  
Creek Park.

Several hundred gold fish received the  
shock of their many young lives just be-  
fore noon today when a touring car  
dumped its five passengers into the pond  
which they have regarded as their sole  
domain and which lies just outside of  
Rock Creek Park, near Killiney road  
and Boulder drive. One of the pas-  
sengers was seriously hurt, Harry Riley,  
of 909 Kent place northeast, the chauff-  
eur, was slightly bruised about the  
body and was treated at casualty hospi-  
tal.

In the car were Mrs. Elsie Pollock,  
of 643 Massachusetts avenue northeast,  
and her husband, Fred Pollock, of  
Whitney Road, which was a  
road and Boulder drive. The car  
got off the public road, and when it  
discovered he was in a private driveway  
attempted to back out. In doing so the  
machine plunged down an embankment  
and landed in a fish pond.  
All were rescued and found to have  
suffered but slightly. The car, owned  
by Herbert Soper, 643 Maryland ave-  
nue northeast, was badly damaged.

King George, Back in  
England, Recovering

LONDON, Nov. 2.—King George, back  
in England, is still better today. He  
passed a comfortable night, and had no  
fever. He is slowly recovering, his  
physicians reported, from the shaking  
up he suffered when his horse fell with  
him near the British war front in  
France last week. Nevertheless, it was  
added, he will be confined to his bed  
for some time longer.

## ASQUITH HINTS CAMPAIGN AT DARDANELLES MAY BE ENDED

England Considers Concentrat-  
ing Available Forces in East  
to Check Austro-Germans  
and Striking Decisive Blow.

Fate of Ministry May Hang on  
Premier's Speech—Declares  
Germans Are At Standstill in  
the West.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The first of-  
ficial hint that the allies may  
abandon the attempt to force the  
Dardanelles fell from the lips of  
Premier Asquith in a significant  
speech in the house of commons  
this afternoon.

The prime minister practically  
admitted that the withdrawal of  
the forces on Gallipoli peninsula  
to halt the Austro-German march  
on Constantinople is under serious  
consideration. Commenting on the  
fact that the Anglo-French forces  
had held 200,000 Turks engaged  
on Gallipoli, the prime minister  
said after a brief pause:  
"But the situation at the Darda-  
nelles is now receiving anxious  
consideration in connection with  
the large requisitions of troops for  
the eastern theater of war."

The speech of the premier be-  
fore the commons today was ex-  
pected to be not only the most im-  
portant of his career, but to decide  
whether his ministry will stand or  
fall. It depends upon the manner  
in which this speech is received  
by parliament and the country  
whether the Asquith ministry shall  
be continued in power.

The Germans have not gained a  
foot of ground in France and  
Flanders since April, Premier As-  
quith told the house of commons.  
He admitted that British casualties  
in France and Flanders total 337,  
000.

FOR DECISIVE BLOW.

On all sides this declaration was taken  
to mean that the government is now  
considering concentrating all available  
forces in the eastern theater in a de-  
termined attempt to check the central  
empire and deliver a decisive stroke of  
the war.  
The decision, it is believed, has not  
yet been made. But the very fact that  
the premier took the public into his con-  
fidence in this matter is taken as an in-  
dication that the demand for withdrawal  
from what some have termed a most  
disastrous enterprise has strong sup-  
porters in the cabinet.  
The prime minister then turned to the  
resulting situation.  
During the fifteen months since the  
war was inaugurated there has been re-  
quired for army purposes an unprece-  
dented number of men, he said. "Can-  
ada has contributed 36,000; Australia,  
22,000; New Zealand, 3,000; South Africa,  
6,000; Newfoundland, 1,000; and the West  
Indies, 2,000."

## ITALIANS HONOR MEN WHO DIED FOR NATION

Flowers Banked High About  
Victor Emmanuel Estate in  
Tribute to Hero Dead.

ROME, Nov. 2.—Flowers were heaped  
high today—All Souls' Day—about the  
Victor Emmanuel estate in tribute to  
Italian soldiers killed in the present  
war.

The throng began gathering early in  
the piazza, where the statue stands—a  
typical, picturesque Italian crowd. It  
was far from a gay crowd, however.  
In the thousands who assembled there  
were few who had not near relatives  
at the front. Great numbers were but  
recently bereaved, many only a few  
days or even a few hours.  
Young men were few. They were on  
the fighting line. The crowd was a  
crowd of women, children, and old men,  
with here and there a soldier, invalided  
back from the front.  
When the allies are reproached for  
being too late in helping Serbia, it must  
be remembered that to the last moment  
we had reason to believe that Greece  
would acknowledge her treaty obliga-  
tions and act accordingly," he said.